Scripps Howard Broadcasting Co. Petitioner

* * * * * * * * * * * FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Rd., 542' N of c/l Schwartz Ave. * DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 92-420-SPHA

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING * BEFORE THE

AND ZONING VARIANCE - W/S York

(6400 York Road)

9th Election District 4th Councilmanic District

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing in which the Petitioner requests approval of an amendment to the special exception and site plan previously granted in Case No. 84-268-XSPH to permit the construction of one (1) additional accessory satellite receiving dish and to permit an accessory satellite dish field in the rear/side yard; and a Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Section 429.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an accessory satellite receiving dish to be located in the front yard in lieu of the required rear yard and to permit a dish of 16.5 feet in diameter in lieu of the maximum permitted 10 feet, all as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioner, Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company, by Joseph M. Bruno, Owner, appeared, testified and was represented by Stephen J. Nolan, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition were Arnold J. Kleiner, Vice President, WMAR TV; Harry R. Kakel, Jr., William F. Kirwin, Engineer; William G. Ulrich, Registered Land Surveyor; and Jean K. Duvall and Stephany W. S. Harper, residents of the area. There were no Protestants.

It should be noted that the Petitioner's Counsel, Stephen J. Nolan, Esquire, amended the Petition for Special Hearing to add that the proposed addition of a satellite dish and dish field would be for "receiv-

his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical

whether strict compliance with requirement would

unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a

permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice

to applicant as well as other property owners in the

district or whether a lesser relaxation than that

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion

that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R.

it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result

if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special

circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or struc-

ture which is the subject of this variance request and that the require-

ments from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use

of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel.

In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the pub-

lic health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Peti-

tioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted,

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented,

applied for would give substantial relief; and

public safety and welfare secured.

and will not result in any injury to the public good.

difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

burdensome;

(1974).

B.C.Z.R.

er dishes", only. The amended Petition for Special Hearing was accepted and incorporated into the case file.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 6400 York Road, consists of 3.92 acres, more or less, zoned D.R. 5.5 and is the site of the WMAR TV Channel 2 television and radio station. Said property was the subject matter of previous Case No. 5277-X in which the Petitioner was granted permission to use the property for a radio station, television studio and a wireless transmitting and receiving structure, subject to restrictions, on May 31, 1961. Subsequently, in Case No. 82-254-XSPH, the Petitioner was granted a special exception and special hearing to construct a satellite receiving antenna and to extend the boundaries of the existing studio to include additional parking, subject to restrictions, on June 3, 1982. Then in Case No. 84-268-SPH the Petitioner was granted permission to construct two additional satellite receiving antennae, subject to restrictions, on April 13, 1984. The Petitioners now wish to add one additional accessory satellite receiving dish and request approval to permit an accessory satellite dish field to be located in the rear/side yard for receiver dishes, only. The requested variances are necessary due to the size of the additional satellite dish, its proposed location in the front yard, and the proposed site for the satellite dish field in both the side and rear yards as depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit 1

The cummulative testimony of all the witnesses was that WMAR TV has existed on the subject property for many years. The Petitioner, being in the television broadcast business, is desirous of placing an additional five meter (receive only) satellite dish in front of the existing building on York Road as depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit 1, a site plan of the property. The proposed satellite dish will be located adjacent to an

existing, larger antenna. Testimony indicated that the proposed location in the front yard is the only suitable site for the dish due to existing and surrounding uses on the property. William F. Kirwin testified that the existing satellite dish, which is also located in the front yard, is properly screened by trees and shrubs. He testified that additional landscaping will be placed in the front yard to provide even further screening of both the existing and proposed satellite dishes. Said landscaping will be sufficient to properly screen both dishes from the view of passing motorists and adjacent neighbors.

The Petitioner is also desirous of installing a satellite dish field in the rear/side yard of the subject property as depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. Although the Petitioner does not intend to immediately situate satellite dishes in the proposed field, this area would be reserved for future satellite receiving antennae and would allow the Petitioner to erect a satellite dish without the need for a future hearing. Mr. Kirwin testified that landscaping would be added in the rear yard to mitigate any effects that may be caused by the proposed satellite dish field. Mr. Kirwin agreed to work with Avery Harden, the Baltimore County Landscape Planner, to develop the best possible landscaping for this site.

The cummulative testimony presented by the two neighborhood residents who appeared was that WMAR TV has been a very considerate and gracious neighbor. They indicated that the property has always been neat and clean and beautifully landscaped. In addition, they testified that the Petitioner has always been receptive to any concerns and problems raised by their neighbors.

The cummulative testimony presented by the expert witnesses who appeared and testified on behalf of the Petitioner was that the proposed

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additions to the subject site satisfy and comply with the requirements of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. which deals with the granting of variances and Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. which deals with special exceptions and special hearings to amend previously granted special exceptions.

Various comments were submitted by Baltimore County agencies. The Office of Planning recommended approval of the Petitioner's request, but required that the Petitioner submit a landscape plan for their review and approval. The Office of Planning also suggested berming in conjunction with the landscaping. However, after full discussion of this matter at the hearing, it was determined that placing a berm on the property would not be beneficial to this site. It was agreed that the Petitioner would not be required to place any berming on the property.

Comments were also submitted by the Bureau of Traffic Engineering. That Bureau recommended making the northern access driveway to the subject site a one-way access, in-bound. This comment was discussed in detail at the hearing, and again, it was decided it would not be feasible or workable in this case. Therefore, the existing traffic pattern and flow on the subject property is sufficient to satisfy any traffic generated by WMAR TV.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the relief requested in the special hearing were not granted. has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above,

the special hearing and variances requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of June, 1992 that the Petition for Special Hearing requesting approval of an amendment to the special exception and site plan previously granted in Case No. 84-268-XSPH to permit the construction of one (1) additional accessory satellite receiving dish and to permit an accessory satellite dish field in the rear/side yard, for receiver dishes, only, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED subject to the restrictions set forth hereinafter; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Section 429.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an accessory satellite receiving dish to be located in the front yard in lieu of the required rear yard and to permit a dish of 16.5 feet in diameter in lieu of the maximum permitted 10 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> 2) All satellite dishes intalled on the subject property shall be "receiving dishes", only, and shall not constitute "sending" units. This restriction may only be modified by way of a future public hearing.

> 3) Within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order proval by the Deputy Director of Planning and the

Landscape Planner for Baltimore County. In addition to the landscaping required by the Office of Planning, the Petitioner shall also continue the existing row of white pines located along the rear westernmost property line of the subject site. All landscaping shall be completed within one (1) year of the date of this

4) The flood lights mounted on the Petitioner's building shall be directed in a downward manner to mitigate the spillage of light onto nearby residences.

5) When applying for any permits, the site plan and landscaping plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

> Deputy Zoning Commissione for Baltimore County

TMK:bjs

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

June 18, 1992

Stephen J. Nolan, Esquire Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams 210 W. Pennsylvnaia Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND ZONING VARIANCE W/S York Road, 542' N of the c/l of Schwartz Avenue (6400 York Road) 9th Election District - 4th Councilmanic District Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company - Petitioner Case No. 92-420-SPHA

Dear Mr. Nolan:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Zoning Variance have been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391.

> TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Very truly yours,

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cc: People's Counsel

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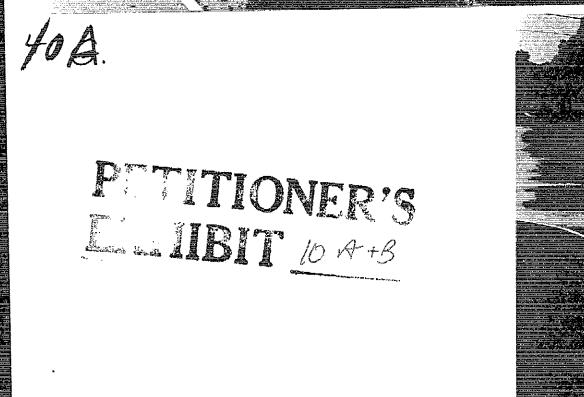
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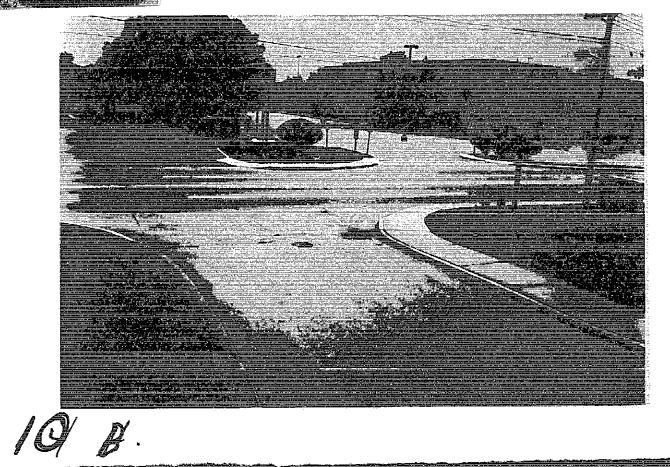
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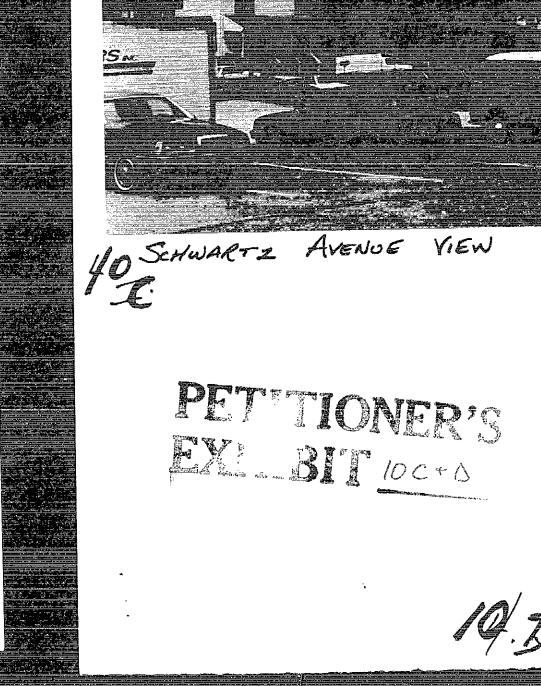
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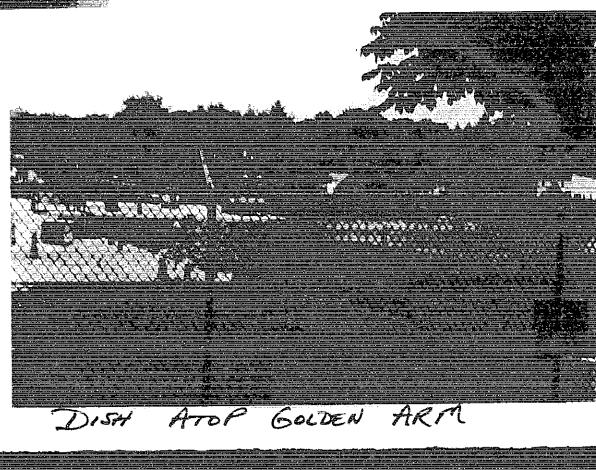
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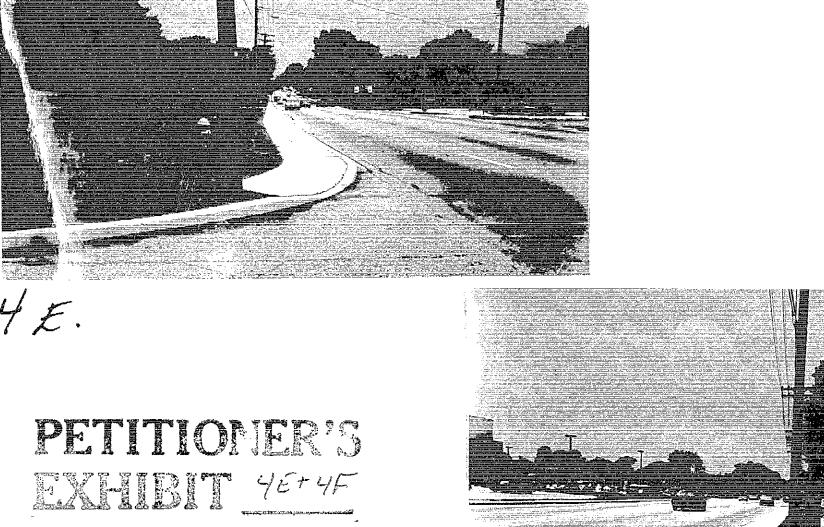


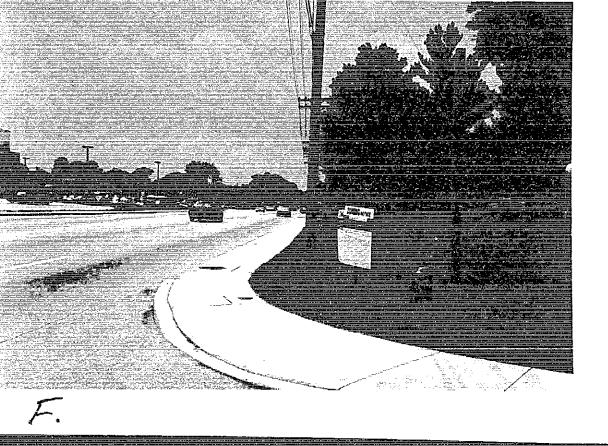


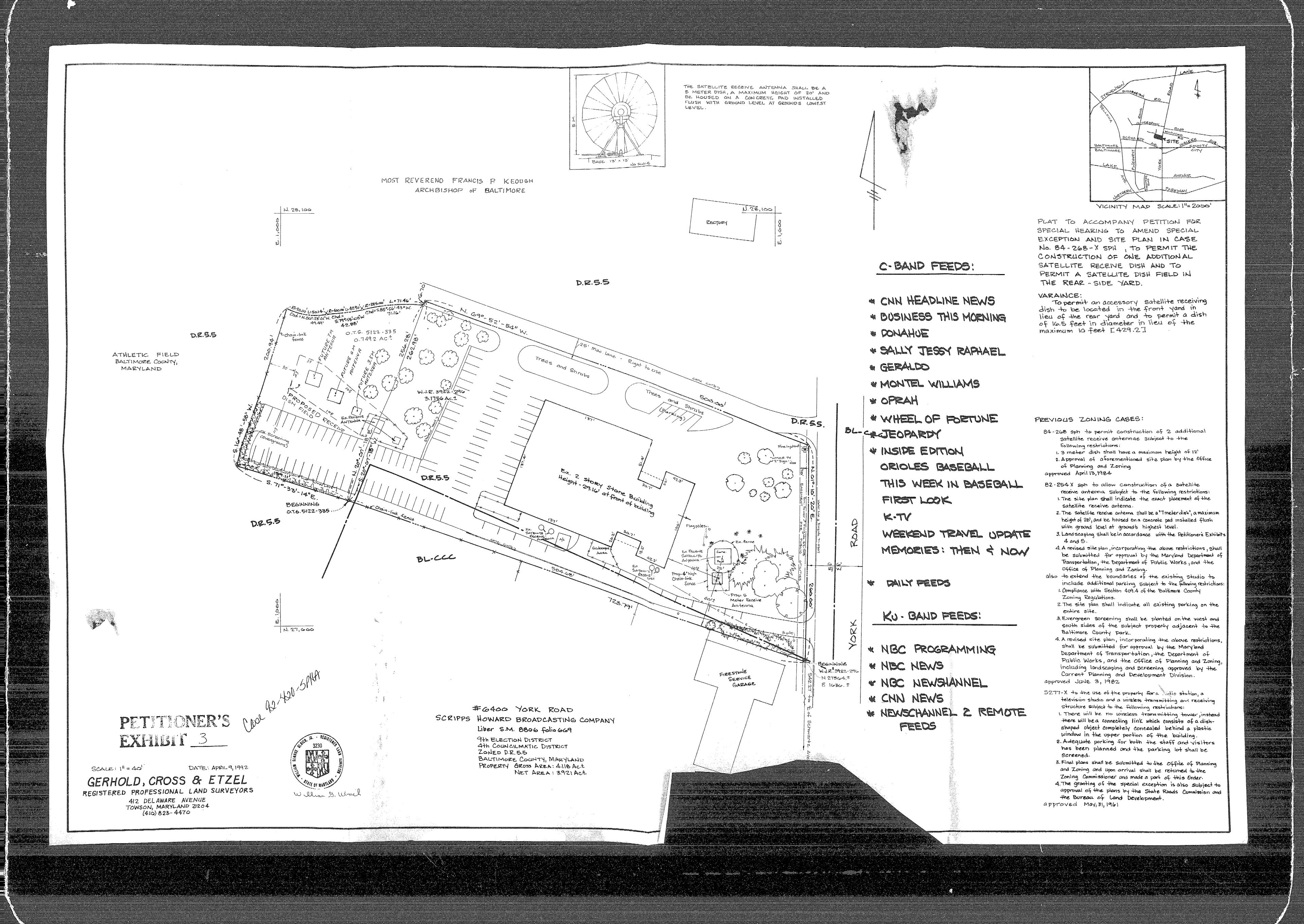


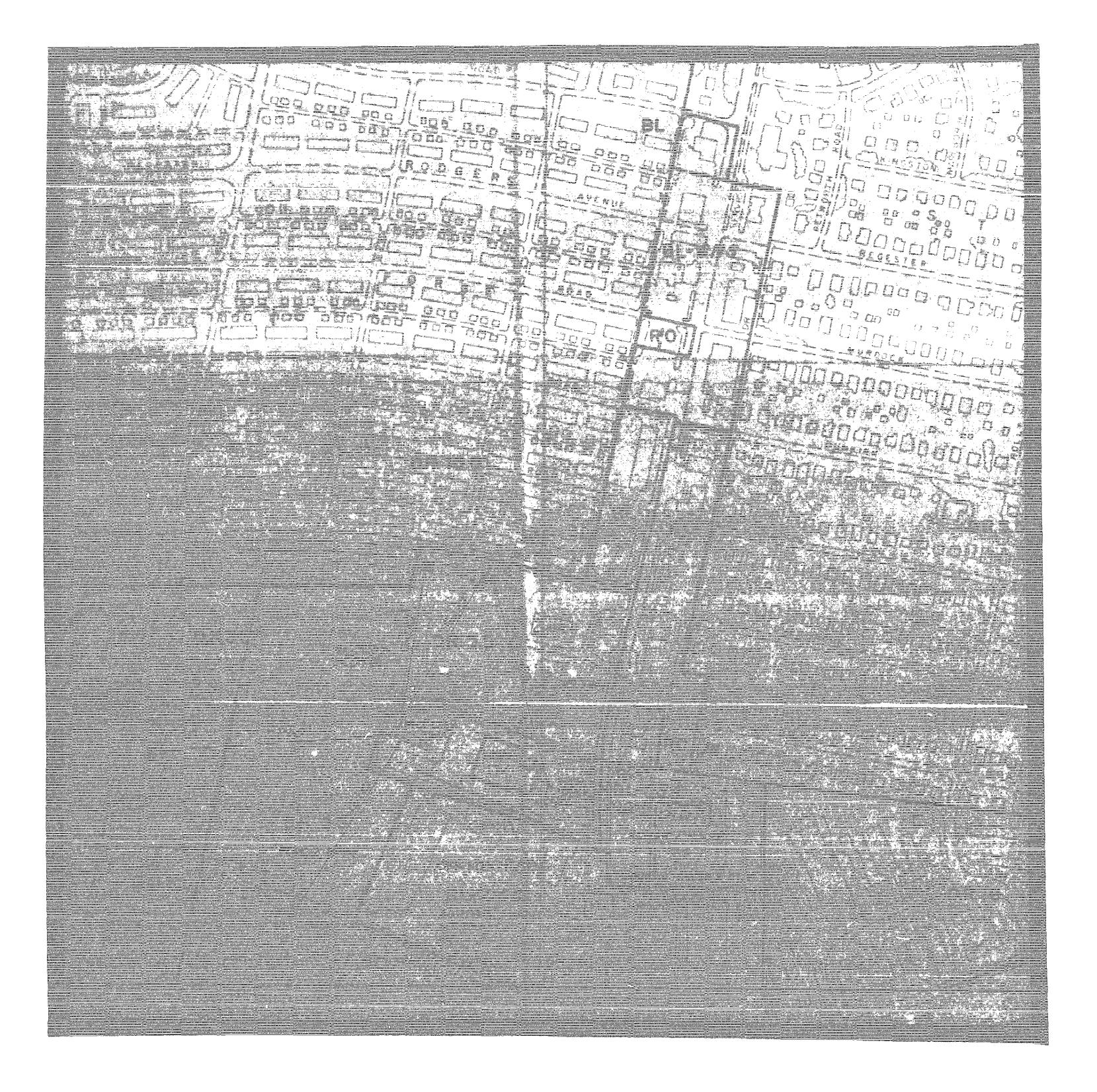


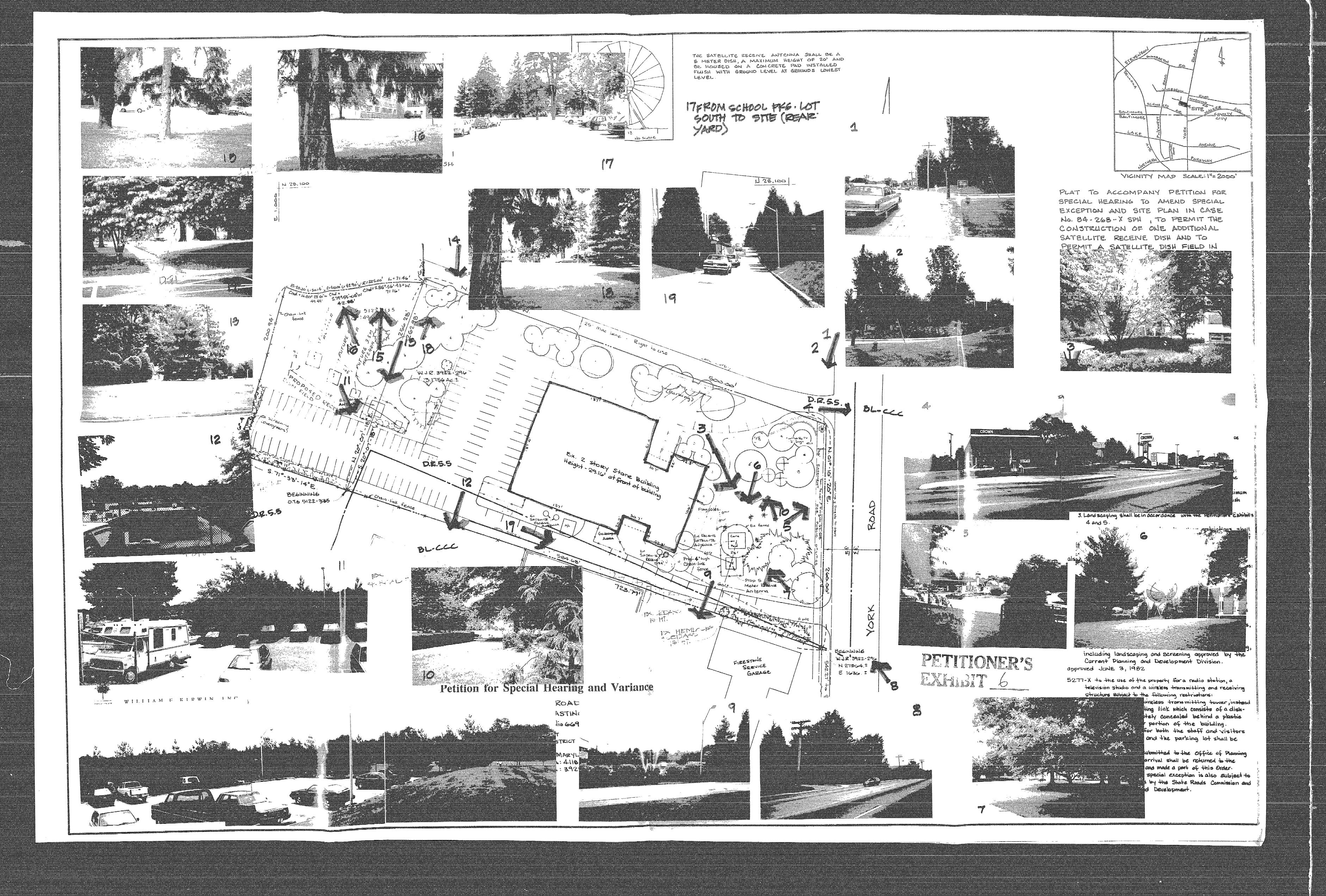


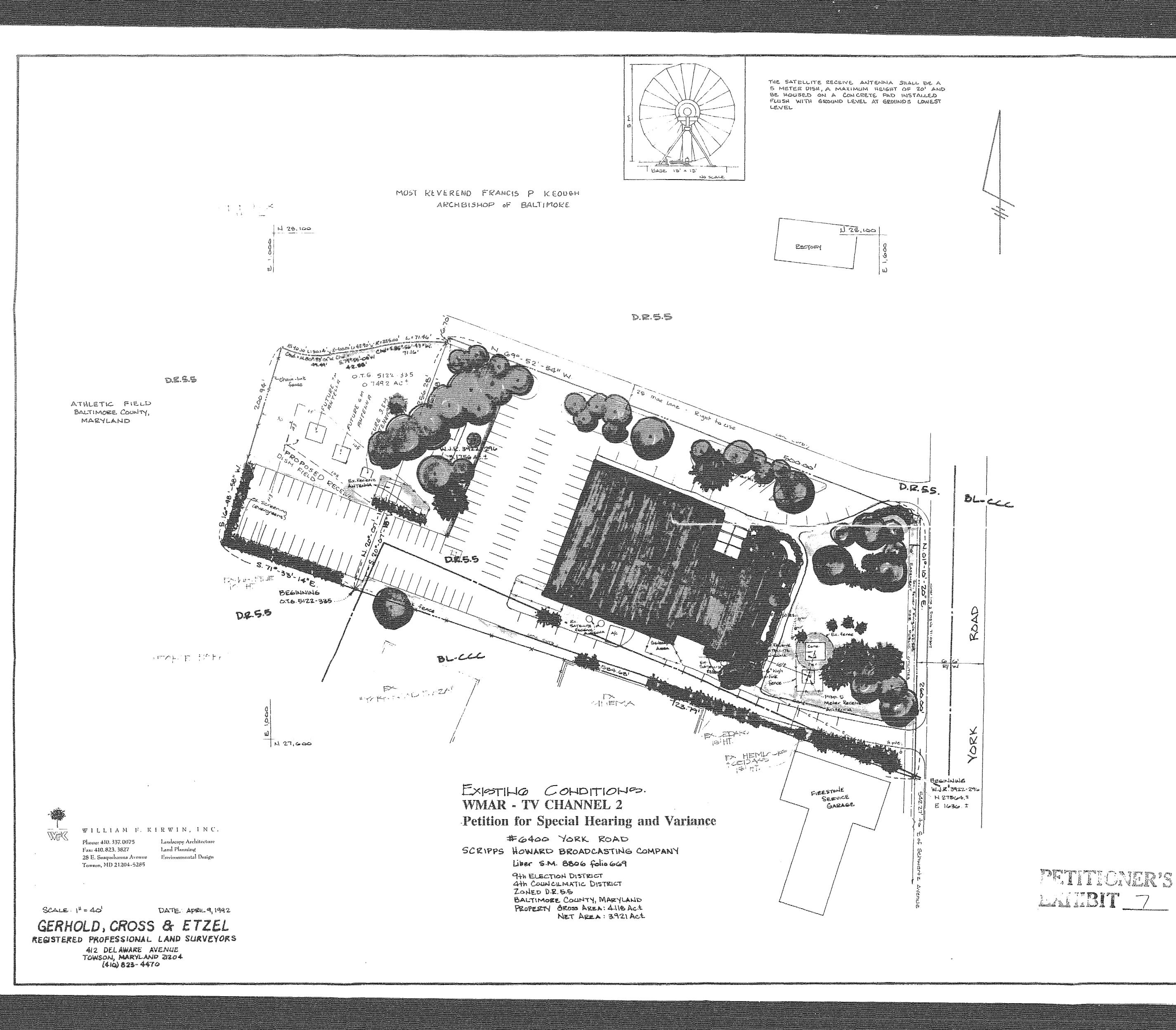


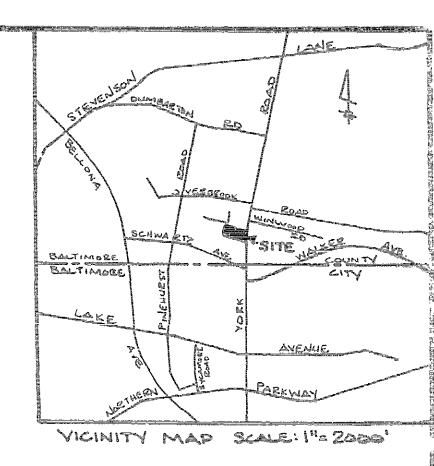












PLAT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING TO AMEND SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND SITE PLAN IN CASE No. 64-266-X SPH, TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE ADDITIONAL SATELLITE RECEIVE DISH AND TO PERMIT A SATELLITE DISH FIELD IN

VARANCE:

THE REAL - SIDE YARD.

To permit an accessory satellite receiving dish to be located in the front yard in lieu of the rear yard and to permit a dish of 16.5 feet in diameter in lieu of the maximum 10 feet [429.2]

PREVIOUS ZONING CASES

- 84-268 sph to permit construction of 2 additional satellite receive antennae subject to the following restrictions:
- 1. 3 meter dish shall have a maximum height of 12'
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 Approved April 13, 1984
- 82-254 X sph to allow construction of a satellite receive antenna Subject to the following restrictions:

 1. The site plan shall indicate the exact placement of the satellite receive antenna.
- 2. The satellite receive antenna shall be a "Tracter dieth", a maximum height of 281, and be housed on a concrete pad installed flush with ground level of ground's highest level.
- 3. Land scaping shall be in accordance with the Petitioner's Exhibits 4 and 5.
- 4 A revised site plan, incorporating the above restrictions, shall be submitted for approval by the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Works, and the Office of Planning and Zaning.
- also to extend the boundaries of the existing studio to include additional parking Subject to the following restrictions:

 1. Compliance with Section 409.4 of the Baltimore County

 Zoning Regulations.
- 2. The site plan shall indicate all existing parking on the entire site.
- 3. Evergreen screening shall be planted on the west and south sides of the subject property adjacent to the Baltimore County Park.
- 4. A revised site plan, incorporating the above restrictions, shall be submitted for approval by the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Works, and the Office of Planning and Zoning, including landscaping and Screening approved by the Carrent Planning and Development Division.

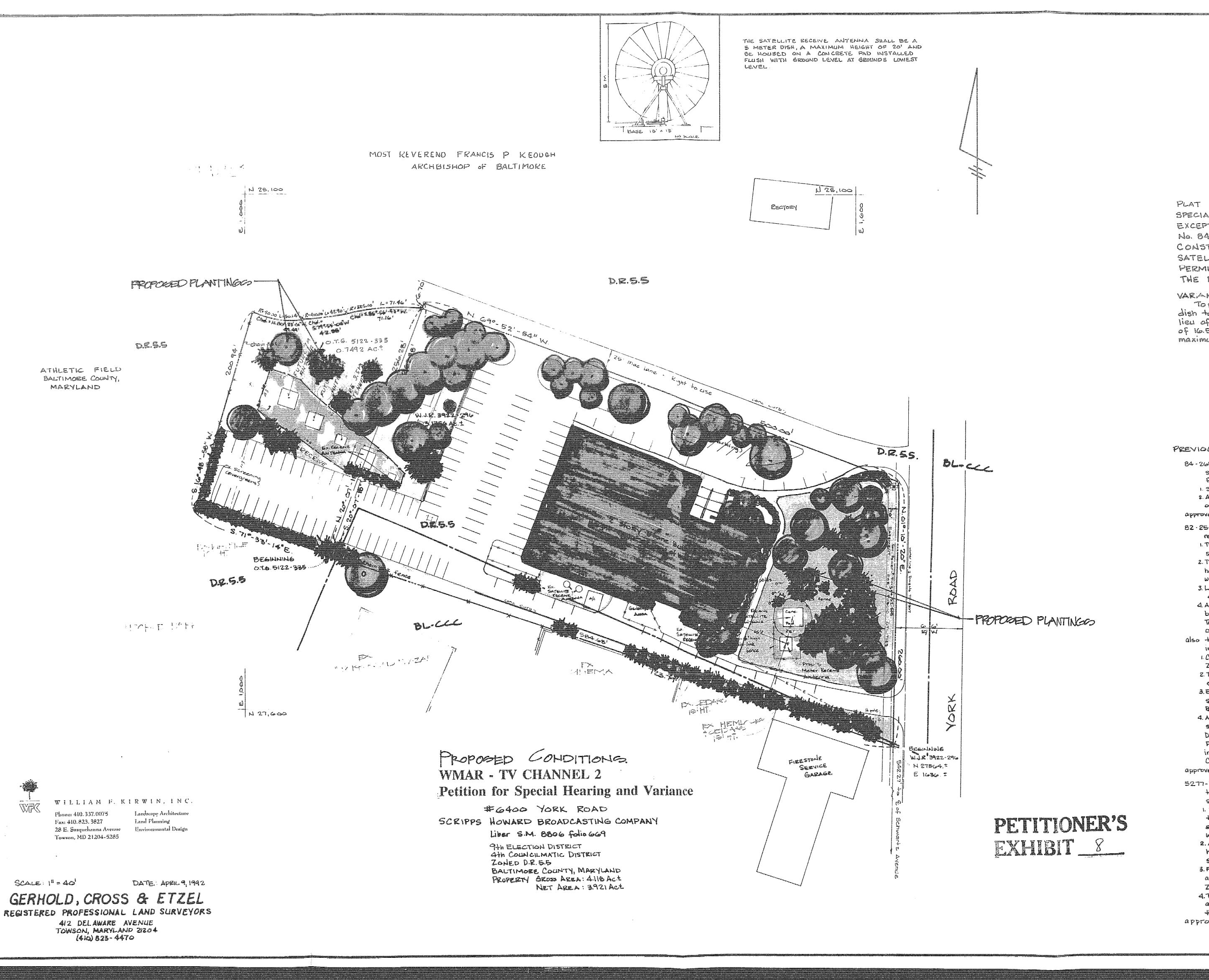
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- 5277-X to the use of the property for a radio station, a television studio and a wireless transmitting and receiving structure subject to the following restrictions:
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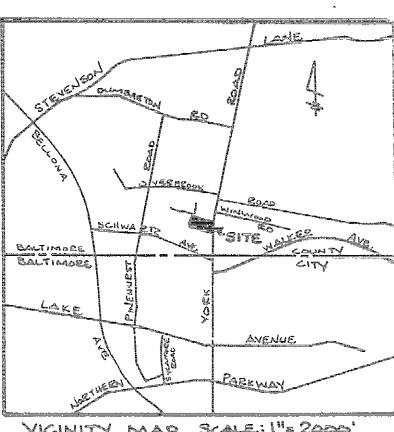
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approved May, 31, 1961





VICINITY MAP SCALE: 1"= 2000"

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The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baithnore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby pelition for a Special Hearing under Section 600.7 of the Baitimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve _____ an amendment to the special exception and site plan in Case No. 84-268XSPH

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I, or we, agree to pay expenses of the above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon fil-ing of this Petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and testric-tions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

| Contract Purchaser: | legal Owner(s): Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company d/b/a WHAR-TV (Type or Print Name) Joseph H. Bruno, Own |
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Address Towson, ND 21204 Phone No. |
| ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of | Baltimore County, this de |

of _____, 19___, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baitimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Bailimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore County, on the _____ day of _____, 19___, at ____ e'clock

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PAID PER HAND-WRITTEN RECEIPT DATED 4/23/92 H9200441 5/04/92 PRICE PUBLIC HEARING FEES 020 -ZONING VARIANCE (OTHER) 040 -SPECIAL HEARING (OTHER) TOTAL: \$500.00

LAST NAME OF OWNER: SCRIPPS HOWARD

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PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: 92-420-5PHA

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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

Practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship will result if strict compliance is mandated because the subject relevision studio site is an existing facility and the additional 5 meter dish type satellite receiver is necessary for the station to continue to meet its high standards of service for its viewers.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County.

under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s): Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company Contract Purchaser: d/b/a/ WMAR-TV

(Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) Cily and State Allorney for PeliUoner: 6400 York Road Stephen J. Nolan

(Type or Print Name) Baltimore, MD 21212 Signature Signature City and State Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted Stephen J. Nolan, Esquire Towson, Maryland 21204 Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue 823-78 Address Towson, MD 21204 Phone No. Attorney's Telephone No.: _410-823-7800

ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Ballimore County, this ______ day County, on the _____ day of _____, 10____, nt ____ o'clock

ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

Zoning Commissioner of Ballimore County.

1/We do solemnly declare and affirm,

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WILLIAM 6. ULRIGH

GERHOLD, CROSS & ETZEL Registered Professional Land Surveyors 412 DELAWARE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 823-4470

PAUL G. DOLLENBERG FRED H. DOLLENBERG CARL L. GERHOLD

WMAR ZONING DESCRIPTION

All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Ninth Election District of Baltimore County, State of Maryland and described as follows to wit:

Beginning for the same at a point on the west side of York Road at the distance of 542.27 feet measured northerly along the west side of York Road from the center of Schwartz Avenue and running thence and binding on the west side of York Road, North 1 degree 10 minutes 20 seconds East 260.00 feet, thence leaving said road and binding on the property of the Petitioner herein the following seven lines viz: North 69 degrees 52 minutes 54 seconds West 500.00 feet, South 20 degrees 07 minutes 18 seconds West 6.70 feet, by a line curving to the left having a radius of 225.00 feet for a distance of 71.46 feet, thence by a line curving to the right having a radius of 400.00 feet for a distance of 42.90 feet, by a line curving to the right having a radius of 90.00 feet for a distance of 50.14 feet, South 16 degrees 48 minutes 58 seconds West 200.94 feet and South 71 degrees 33 minutes 14 seconds East 723.79 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 3.92 Acres more or less.



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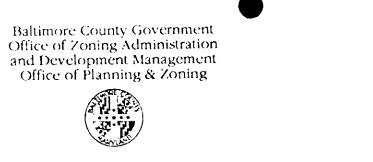
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THE JEFFERSONIAN.

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

DATE: 5.27.92

Dear Petitioner(s):

Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company 6400 York Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212

CASE NUMBER: 92-420-SPHA W/S York Road, 542' N of c/1 Schwartz Avenue 6400 York Road 9th Election District - 4th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company d/b/a WMAR-TV

Please be advised that \$ 122.19 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID. ALSO, THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) MUST BE RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE

Please forward your check via return mail to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson, Maryland 21204. It should have your case number noted thereon and be made payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. In order to prevent delay of the issuance of proper credit and/or your Order, immediate attention to this matter is suggested.

cc: Stephen J. Wolan, Esq.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

H11 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

MAY 6, 1992

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 118, Baltimore County Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 92-420-SPHA W/S York Road, 542' N of c/l Schwartz Avenue 6400 York Road 9th Election District - 4th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company d∕b/a WMAR-TV HEARING: MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1992 at 9:00 a.m.

Special Hearing to approve an amendment to the special exception and site plan in Case #84-268-XSPH to permit the construction of one additional accessory satellite receiving dish; and to permit an accessory satellite dish field in the rear side yard. Variance to permit an accessory satellite receiving dish to be located in the front yard in lieu of the rear yard; and to permit a dish of 16.5 feet in diameter in lieu of the maximum of 10 feet.

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner of

Baltimore County

co: Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company Stephen J. Nolan, Esq.

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

887-3353

Variance

210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204 RE: Item No. 441, Case No. 92-420-SPHA Petitioner: Scripps Howard Broadcasting Petition for Special Hearing and

Dear Mr. Nolan:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

Baltimore County Government
Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 23rd day of April, 1992.

Received By:

Petitioner: Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company Petitioner's Attorney: Stephen J. Nolan

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DATE: May 6, 1992

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Rahee J. Famili SUBJECT: Z.A.C. Comments

Z.A.C. MEETING DATE: May 4, 1992

LEGAL OWNER: Scripps Howard Broadcasting Co. 44/

- 1. There are several more parking spaces that are actually existing and not shown on the submitted plan.
- 2. The existing access at the northern property line west of the existing first driveway needs to be changed to one-way access inbound or the existing parallel parking spaces along that access need to be

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Fire Department

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700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21204-5500 Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner: SCRIPPS HOWARD BROADCASTING COMPANY

Location: #6400 YORK ROAD

Item No.: 441 + (MJK) Zoning Agenda: MAY 4, 1992

Baltimore County Government

MAY 8, 1992

Gentlemen:

JP/KEK

ZAC COMMENTS

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Planning Group

Fire Prevention Bureau Special Inspection Division

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 7, 1992 Zoning Administration and Development Management

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for May 11, 1992

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments for the following properties:

Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company (44) 6400 York Road

Huntington Development Corporation 3216 Hunting Tweed Drive

Waldon J. Stevanus & Margaret O. Stevanus 8524 Vollmert Avenue

Rita L. Ruff 1307 Elma Road

RWB: DAW: 8

Jeffrey W. Sheldon & Charles H. Sheldon 211 Nicodemus Road

Eric vanden Beemt & Patricia vanden Beemt 16616 Remare Road

Wm R. Sturgeon & Carol L. Sturgeon 8715 Windsor Mill Road

Warren E. Downey & Linda M. Downey 1227 Weddel Avenue

ROBERT W. BOWLING, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Division

Baltimore County Governmen Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

September 28, 1993

Stephen J. Nolan, Esquire 210 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 700 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING and VARIANCE W/S York Road, 542' N of the c/l of Schwartz Avenue (5400 York Road) 9th Election District - 4th Councilmanic District Scripps Howard Broadcasting Co. - Petitioner Case No. 92-420-SPHA

Dear Mr. Nolan:

This Office is in receipt of your letter dated September 20, 1993 in which you requested an extension of time to complete the required landscaping in the above-captioned matter. In consideration of the delays expressed in your letter, I have agreed to grant your request.

In the event you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

> TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

TMK:bjs cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING New Courts Bldg - 401 Bosley Avenue, Towson, MD 21204 MEMORANDUM

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration & Development Management

Office of Planning and Zoning

Petitioner:

Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company

Property Size:

3.921 acres D.R. 5.5

Special Hearing

Hearing Date:

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS: The petitioner, WMAR-TV, is requesting a special hearing to amend an existing special exception to permit one additional satellite receiving dish and to permit an accessory satellite dish field in the rear side yard. Also, the petitioner is requesting a variance to permit a satellite receiving dish to be located in the front of 16.5 feet in diameter in lieu of 10 feet.

The placement of the satellite dish in the front yard is a concern to the Office of Planning and Zoning. This site is located on the York Road corridor and is highly visible at this location. Residential neighborhoods surround this particular site and should be protected from the visual intrusion created by the satellite disks. If this particular satellite dish which is located in the front yard is approved without provision of landscape screening visual intrusion of the dish will result.

DECEMPED

ZONING OFFICE. 1

WMARTV/ZAC1

Based upon the analysis conducted and information provided staff recommends

2. Berming in conjunction with landscaping should also be considered.

1. Dense landscape screening should be provided in order to shield the satel-

APPROVAL of the petitioner's request subject to the following.

lite dish from public view.

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September 20, 1993

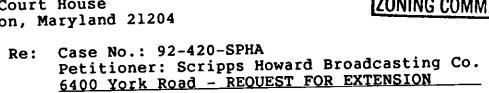
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

*ALSO ADMITTED IN D.C.

** ALSO ADMITTED IN NEW JERSEY

Honorable Timothy M. Kotroco Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County Old Court House Towson, Maryland 21204



Dear Commissioner Kotroco:

On June 18, 1992, following a special zoning hearing, you entered Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and an Order granting our client, Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company's Petition for Special Hearing and Zoning Variance to permit the construction of one additional accessory satellite receiving dish and to permit an accessory satellite dish field at their studio property located at 6400 York Road. A copy of that Order is enclosed herewith. Pursuant to item number 3 of that Order, all landscaping was to be completed within one (1) year of the date of the Order.

Mr. Joseph M. Bruno, WMAR-TV's Director of Engineering, has advised me that there has been site work including the replacement of a water main to the building, which had unexpectedly delayed the implementation of the approved landscape plan. Nevertheless, Mr. Bruno has obtained three alternate bid proposals from landscape firms to complete the work by the second week of November, 1993.

Accordingly, we are respectfully requesting an extension, nunc pro tunc of the original one year deadline, to a revised deadline of November 15, 1993. Both Mr. Bruno and our landscape consultant, Mr. William Kirwin, have spoken with Ms. Jean K. Duvall concerning the reason for the delay.





October 30, 199

Mr. Timothy M. Kotroco
Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County
Suite 113 Courthouse
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Planting Plan, WMAR TV Channel 2

Dear Mr. Kotroco,

I have enclosed, for your records, a copy of the approved planting plan for WMAR TV on York Road. The plan was prepared in accordance with Zoning Order, Case #92-420-SPHA, requesting a special hearing and zoning variance. This plan has been reviewed and approved by Avery Harden, Baltimore County Landscape Planner and Arnold P. Keller, Deputy Director of Planning for Baltimore County.

Sincerely,
WILLIAM F. KIRWIN, INC.

Zolna Russell
Registered Landscape Architect



WILLIAM F. KIRWIN, INC.

Landscape Architecture Land Planning Environmental Design 28 E. Susquehanna Avenus Towson, MD 21286-52 Phone: 410.337.0075 Fax: 410.823.3827 PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

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Re: Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company

Dear Mitch:

Zoning Office

Mr. Mitchell Kellman

County Office Building

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Enclosed please find our firm's check in the amount of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars made payable to Baltimore County, Maryland for filing the Petition for Zoning Variance and Petition for Special Hearing in the above-referenced matter.

I am also enclosing the following documents:

Three (3) copies of the Zoning Description;

Ten (10) copies of the plats;
 One (1) 200 scale map.

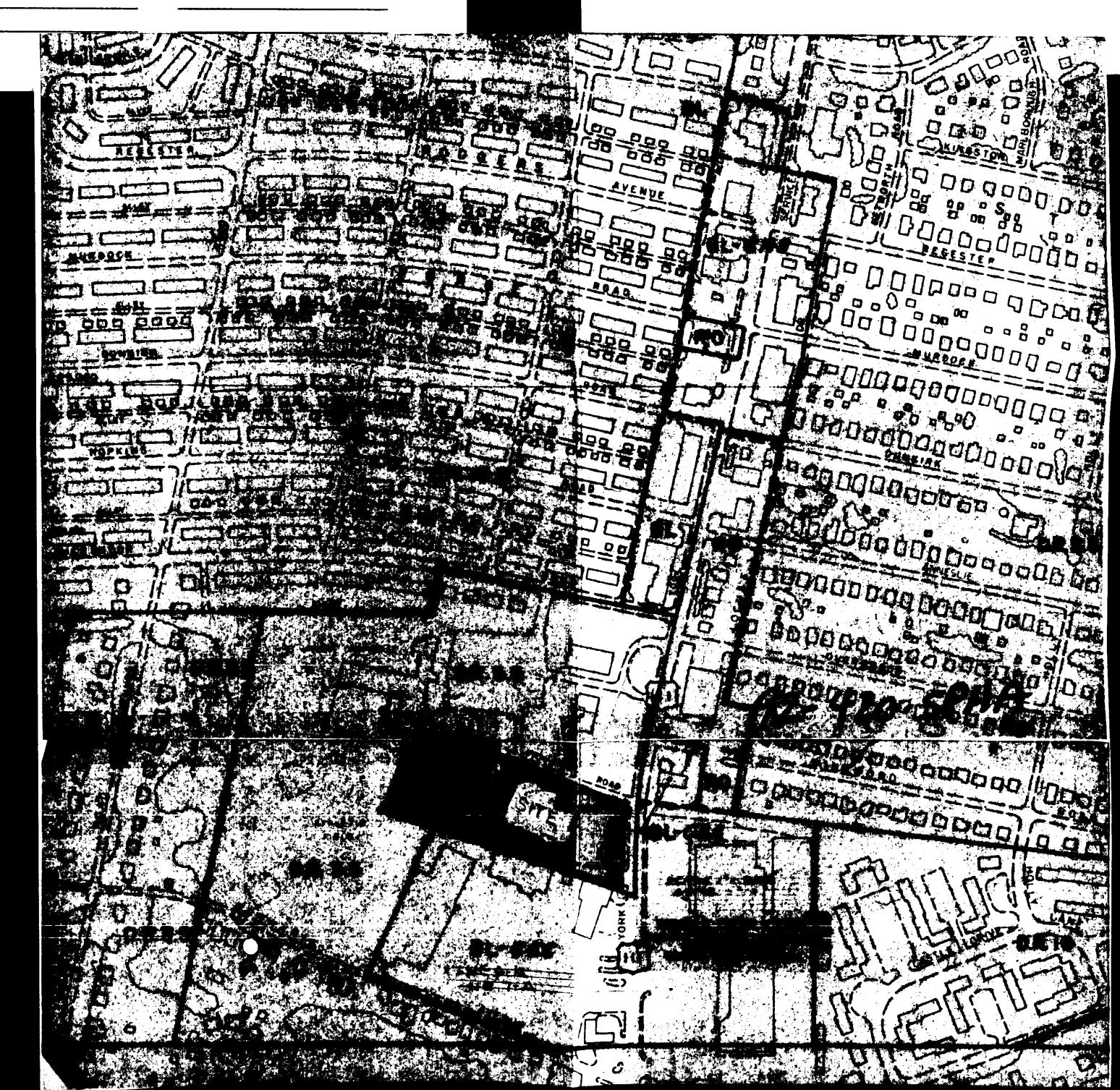
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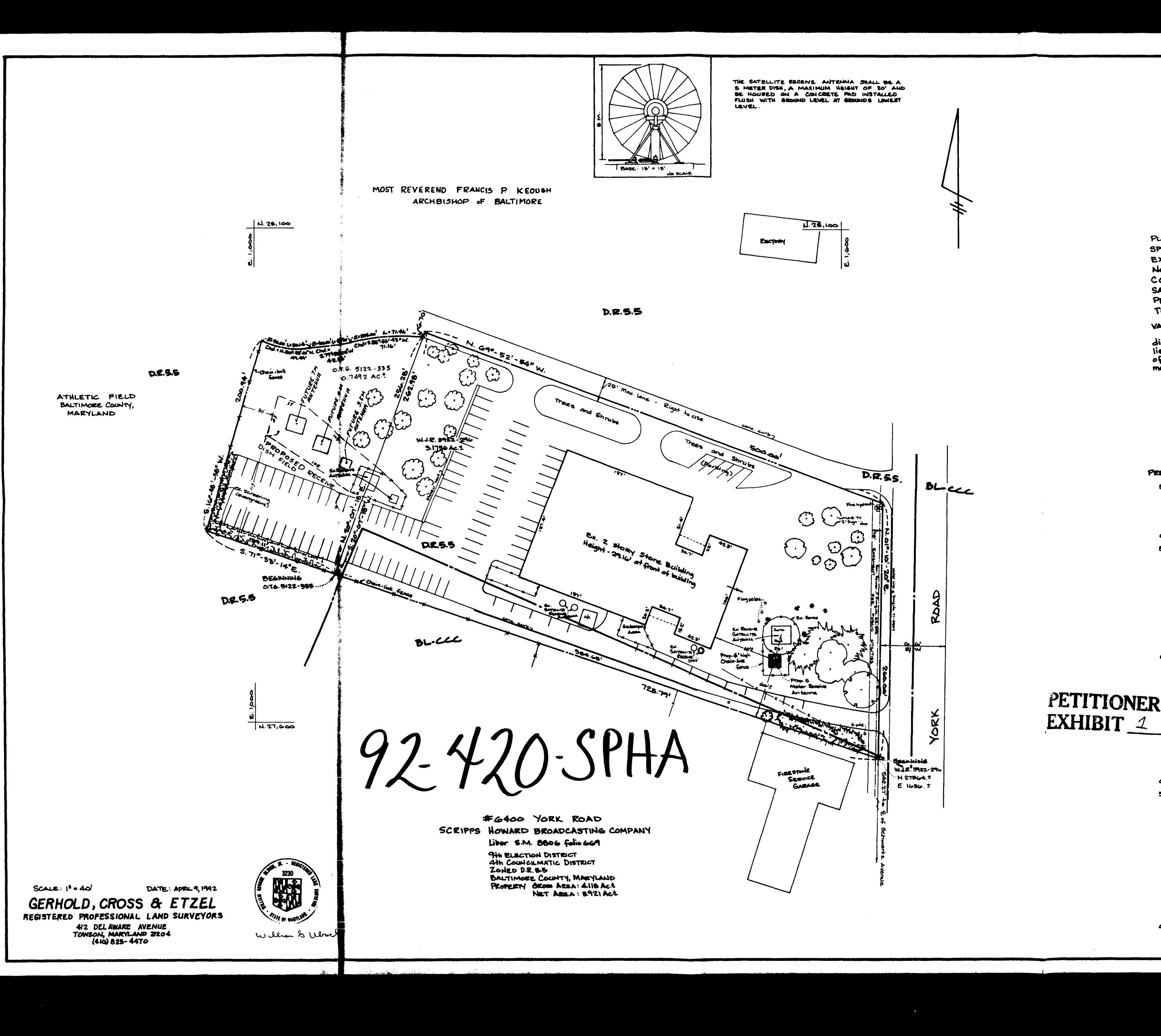
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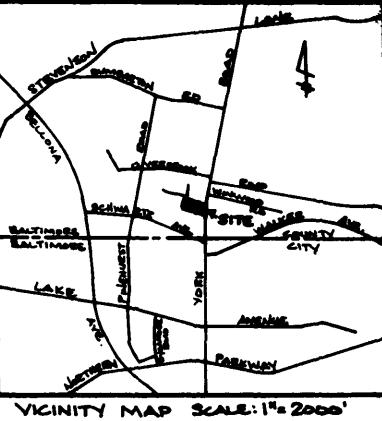
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PLAT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING TO AMEND SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND SITE PLAN IN CASE No. 84-268-X SPH , TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE ADDITIONAL SATELLITE RECEIVE DISH AND TO PERMIT A SATELLITE DISH FIELD IN THE REAR - SIDE YARD.

VARANCE:

To permit an accessory satellite receiving dish to be located in the front yand in lieu of the rear yand and to permit a dish of 16.5 feet in diameter in lieu of the maximum 10 feet [429.2]

PREVIOUS ZONING CASES:

- 84-268 sph to permit construction of 2 additional satellite receive antermae subject to the following restrictions:
- 1. 3 meter dish shall have a maximum height of 12'

 8. Approval of aforementioned site plan by the Office of Planning and Zarning approved April 13,1984

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- receive antenna Subject to the following restrictions: 1. The site plan shall indicate the exact placement of the satellite receive enterna.
- 2. The satellite reache antenna shall be a "Tracker dich", a maximum with ground level at ground's highest level. 3. Land scaping shall be in accordance with the Politimari Exhibits
- 4 and 5. 4. A revised site plan, incorporating the above restrictions, shall
- be submitted for approval by the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Works, and the Office of Planning and Zening.
- also to extend the boundaries of the existing studio to include additional parking subject to the fillusing restrictions 1. Compliance with Section 409.4 of the Baltimore County

Zoning Regulations. 2. The site plan shall indicate all existing parking on the PETITIONER'S entire site. Severyrean screening shall be planted on the west and south sides of the subject property adjacent to the

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- shall be submitted for approval by the Maryland
- Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Works, and the Office of Planning and Zoning including landscaping and screening approved by the Carrent Planning and Development Division. approved JUNE 3, 1982

5277-X to the use of the property for a radio station, a television studio and a wireless transmitting and receiving Structure satisfict to the following restrictions:

- 1. There will be no wireless transmitting towar, instand there will be a connecting link which consists of a dishshaped object completely concealed behind a plastic window in the upper portion of the building
- 8. Adequate parking for both the staff and visitors has been planned and the parking lot shall be
- Zoning Commissioner and made a part of this Order. 4. The granting of the special exception is also subject to approval of the plans by the State Reads Consission and the Bureau of Land Development.

approved May, 31, 1961

